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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

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1. BRIEF MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR STEPANOV WAS HELD MORNING OCTOBER 26 AT DEVOL FUNERAL HOME IN WASHINGTON. COUNSELOR IGOR BUBNOV GAVE EULOGY ABOUT STEPANOV'S WARTIME SERVICE AND 30-YEAR CAREER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY; HE MADE NO MENTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH OTHER THAN TO REFER TO IT AS TRAGIC. MINISTER COUNSELORS VORONTSOV AND VASEV WERE SENIOR SOVIETS PRESENT, AND DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR SPECIAL PROTOCOL SERVICES HAMPTON DAVIS, EUR:SOV DIRECTOR MARK GARRISON AND OFFICER FROM EUR/SOV BILATERAL RELATIONS SECTION.
2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, SOVIET EMBASSY PLANS TO SHIP COFFIN OCTOBER 26 SU 318, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND ADULT SON. EUR;SOV OFFICER WILL GO TO DULLES FOR FLIGHT'S DEPARTURE. KISSINGER

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